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October 4, 2002

Commission Secretary Marlene H. Dortch 445 12th Street SW, CY-B402 Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The League of African American Women, Inc. is a non-profit consortium of 40 professional women's organizations and associates. We were founded in response to the need for information sharing and action-planning in the face of critical changes affecting the African American community.

It has come to our attention that the federal Communications Commission is reviewing SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance market. Please approve the application.

With SBC Pacific Bell's entry into long distance, the market will be truly open and fully competitive and will benefit California consumers by offering savings, convenience and easy to understand calling plans.

We urge you to consider the needs of communities like ours and allow SBC Pacific Bell into the market.

Sincerely.

D. Marie Battle,

President